

# GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

October 14, 2007 - 9:30 a.m.

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

A special welcome to our guests! During this time we spend a few moments introducing our guests. We're glad you have come to worship with us. May you sense God's peace and presence as we meet together with our Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

### \* Call to Worship

**Leader:** We come together as the church of Jesus Christ,  
Recognizing that our Lord lived and died,  
Not just for the church, but for all people,  
God's highest creation.

**People: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.**

**Leader:** We also recognize that in God's great love,  
We sense our need first to be loved and thus to be turned  
around; to face the needs of others.

**People: We love, because God first loved us.**

**Leader:** Let us love, then, so that we may be free of selfish  
desires; liberated to strive for God's will.

**People: Whatever we do to the least of God's family, that we  
do to our Lord.**

\* **Prayer of Invocation** Pastor Katherine

\* **Hymn No. 65** *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!*

**Offering** Local Church Missions

**Offertory** *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*  
Bethany Amstutz, Jesse Graber and Eric Schrag

\* **Hymn No. 390** *God of the fertile fields*

## Children's Moments

Sara Burch

**Special Music** *My Soul Is Filled With Joy*  
Bethany Amstutz, Jesse Graber and Eric Schrag

*Children to age 5 may be dismissed to the library for child care*

**Scripture** Matthew 6:19-21 (pg. 960) Emily Klassen

**Sermon** *It's About Purpose!* Pastor Katherine

\* **Hymn No. 383** *God, whose giving*

**Congregational Sharing and Prayer** Pastor Jim

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who  
love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*  
*Romans 8:28*

**Praise:** God is good! God's promises never fail! We see God reigning  
victoriously as individual believers gain spiritual ground and Christ's  
church continues moving forward.

**Thanksgiving:** Thank God for his many promises. Name some you  
are claiming and holding on to right now. Thank God for his  
faithfulness to his word and for his perfect provision.

**Cleansing:** Invite God to remove fear and doubt. Ask for God's  
forgiveness and mercy in regard to times and places where we have  
strayed – both individually and corporately.

**Requests:** God fill us with a spirit of faith and wisdom that we may  
follow according to your purpose.  
*Hear our prayers one for another ....*  
Grant us faith to believe your word and give us the strength to take  
bold steps of obedience in the way of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* **Benediction Hymn No. 423** *May the grace of Christ our Savior*

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand

At the conclusion of the worship service we invite the adults to be seated and take a few moments to greet one another while the children are dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 10:45 A.M.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

***Worship Leaders***

*Pastor: James Voth*

*Youth Pastor: Katherine Goerzen*

*Keyboard: Linda Harms*

*Chorister: Suzy Burch*

A special welcome to Jesse Graber, Bethany Amstutz and Eric Schrag as they provide special music this morning.

Joining us for worship this morning are the members of the North Butler 4H club and their families. Today they are celebrating their annual 4H Sunday and will be enjoying a potluck meal after Sunday School.

Today we enter into our third week of **30 Days of Generosity**: 30 days of daily devotional readings in the participant's guide; 30 days of reflection on stewardship; 30 days for prayer and personal reflection.

Next Sunday's worship theme is "It's About Provision". The biblical text is Genesis 15:1-6 and Pastor Jim will be preaching.

Participant's guides are still available in the foyer for all to use during these 30 days.

## For Sharing and Prayer

**Birthday to add to calendar:**  
Maria Spolczynska – October 18

**Western District Conference:** Pray for Jay Goering, Hugo Saucedo, and Dorothy Nickel Friesen as they represent WDC at the Constituency Leaders Council of MC USA in Colorado Springs October 14-17.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray that MMN workers Brian and Noelia Fox in Burgos, Spain, will be energized as they envision beginning a youth café. Ask the Lord for discernment as they work with young adults in the church who will be involved in this endeavor.

## Church Events

**Monday at 1:30 p.m.** Quilting Monday. Anyone wishing to quilt on the MCC quilt is welcome to come on Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

**Monday at 7:00 p.m.** Administrative Council meets at church.

**Wednesday at 6:10 p.m.** All Church Meal\*

**7:00 – 8:15 p.m.** Children's and Youth Programming

**7:00 – 7:40 p.m.** Adult Bible Study\*\*

**7:45 – 8:30 p.m.** Adult Choir

\*To make or cancel reservations for the meal please contact Kaye Penner (283-3948) or Barb Voth (283-2644).

Cost of the meal: Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.50

\*\*Wednesday evening adult Bible study! 7:00 – 7:40 p.m. Come, listen and respond to a message given in the adult assembly at San Jose 2007 this summer.

**October 23-25** Mennonite Relief Meat Canning in North Newton  
Needed: a car for the canner men to drive October 20-30. Please contact Merril Harms or Dean Patterson if you have one or know of one available.

**November 11** Harvest Thanks Sunday

## Announcements

**The Health Resource Team** will do blood pressure checks the second Sunday of each month in the library at 11:30 a.m. (following Sunday school). If you have any questions please contact Kaye Penner or Barb Voth.

**SIGN-UP SHEET FOR MEALS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR HOMELESS SHELTER ARE IN THE FOYER.** We share a week of service to the homeless shelter with Zion Mennonite Church every 13 weeks. The next week is October 31 – November 7. If you would like to consider being a volunteer and would like to visit the shelter and receive training there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**You're invited to join "Prayers of the Church"** each Sunday morning from 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. in the classroom next to the kitchen. Please feel free to place prayer requests in the prayer box in the foyer.

**Nursery This Sunday:** Penny Hiebert and Mikayla Hiebert

**Nursery Next Sunday:** Kris Goossen and Courtney Claassen

**Special Music Next Sunday:** Adult Choir

**Keyboard Next Sunday:** Julia Washburn

**Ushers Next Sunday:** Mike Balzer and Kendall Claassen

**Offering Last Sunday:** Mennonite Church USA \$1,841.00

**Offering Next Sunday:** Wheat State Manor

## CHURCH OFFICES

**Pastor: James Voth** Pastor's Study: 283-2644

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## Et Cetera

**The Community Playschool** is in the Chili Cook-Off Saturday, October 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on 6th Street in Newton by Prairie Harvest. Your chili eating will help support the Playschool, which Grace Hill helps sponsor. A "tasting kit" is \$5; you vote for the winner by adding money to the contestant's jar. Have chili for lunch, live music, and help Playschool. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

**A Craft Fair & Bake Sale** will be held at Wheat State Manor in Whitewater on Saturday, October 20 from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Tables for crafts are available at no charge by calling Tricia Fee. Enjoy a time of fellowship with the residents as you view the crafts.

**There is still time to register for “What every individual should know about poverty”** to be held at St. Mark United Methodist Church, 1525 North Lorraine, Wichita, on October 20, 10:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. (registration begins at 9:30 a.m.). Cost is \$20 and \$15 for any additional registrations in the same envelope (includes lunch and workbook). Program will feature Bill Ehling, pastor, who has teamed with Dr. Ruby Payne in writing the book: *What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty*. Register in advance by sending contact information to Kansas Ecumenical Ministries, 1248 SW Buchanan St., Topeka, KS 66604, 785-272-9531 or [LK331@aol.com](mailto:LK331@aol.com). Make checks payable to Kansas Ecumenical Ministries, sponsor and coordinator of the event.

**Hoffnungsaue Mennonite Church, rural Inman**, will host its annual Mission Supper from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, October 20. Proceeds will benefit the Lambi Fund of Haiti. For a free will donation, diners will be served baked sausage, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, applesauce, rolls and homemade pie. All are invited and bring a friend! The Lambi Fund, founded jointly in 1994 by Haitians and Americans is supported by Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS). The Lambi Fund of Haiti is a unique grassroots organization whose mission is to strengthen civil society in Haiti as a necessary foundation for democracy and development ([www.lambifund.org](http://www.lambifund.org)).

**Do you like playing in the river at Camp Mennoscah?** Come help take the dam out on Sunday, October 21 at 2:30 p.m. We can use help to float the boards to the trailer, wash, clean and stack them for winter. There will be plenty of fun and fellowship! For more information, contact camp at 620-297-3290 or [campmno@mennowdc.org](mailto:campmno@mennowdc.org).

**A Gathering for Healthy Eating with Erika Shinya:** Open your eyes to an old truth "You are what you eat". Discover the Universal Qualities of food, focusing on the power and energy found in whole grain, organic, and locally grown foods. Learn more about a Japanese approach to cooking. Try some Japanese foods and learn how to cook them! Offered twice: October 22, 6:30-8 p.m. or October 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Peace Connections, 612 N. Main, Newton. Please call for reservations - \$5 per class.

**You are invited** to the Mennonite Disaster Service Region III Annual Meeting in Leon, Iowa on November 9 and 10. Come for stories, sharing, reports and business. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

**Are you interested in a cultural, learning, and service experience?** MAMA (Mujeres Amigas – Women Friends – Miles Apart) Project, Inc. has been working in Honduras for 20 years. Many people in the villages and the visiting teams have been impacted through short-term mission trips. This coming year we have space for 14 teams to travel to Honduras. Opportunities include: medical, dental, and construction brigades. See the website for more information: [www.mamaproject.org](http://www.mamaproject.org).

**The WDC Retreat Commission is looking for an on-site Building Supervisor/Manager** during the construction of the new house for the Camp Mennoscah resident director. This position will manage the daily volunteer labor and will work closely with the builder. Skills needed: People communication skills, supervisor skills, organizational skills, construction knowledge or experience. Call Galen Waltner (member of Retreat Commission & Resident Home Task Force) 620-386-0278 or [galenwaltner@hotmail.com](mailto:galenwaltner@hotmail.com) for details and to make application for this position. Currently, the house plan is being finalized and the hope is to begin construction yet this fall.

**Mennonite Women USA is seeking a candidate for service on the MW USA board of directors.** Position opening in August 2008: president-elect. Please send references (or nominate yourself!) by October 24 to MW USA vice-president, Gail Harder, 1300 Eymann Ave., Reedley, Calif., [lgharder@verizon.net](mailto:lgharder@verizon.net). Include contact information and a brief introduction to the person.

**Mennonite Mission Network** has an immediate opening for a full-time and a part-time Mennonite Voluntary Service assistant in Newton. See the notice posted on the bulletin board for more details.